

Statement of Presentation:

RESOLUTION HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Whereas the Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) was appointed by the City and County to serve as the advisory committee to the Governing Bodies on all plans, goals, objectives, policies, standards, programs, proposals and priorities for all homeless services for the City and County; and

Whereas, the HSAC, in collaboration with City Department of Community Development, is engaged in a multi-year, year-round strategic planning and implementation process that addresses the needs of homeless individuals and households, the availability and accessibility of existing housing and services, and the opportunities for linkages with mainstream housing and services resources; and

Whereas, the City's Consolidated Plan sets broad strategic goals and defines the priorities and needs as they relate to housing and community development; and whereas the Annual Action Plan describes how the City intends to invest its available funds in the community each fiscal year; and

Whereas, the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan references the housing needs of five sub-populations in its discussion of "Housing for people with special needs": the elderly, people with disabilities, people with substance abuse illnesses, homeless people, and people with HIV/AIDS.

Whereas, the 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan affirms that the assisting populations with special needs continues to be a goal for the City, including coordinating and assisting in the delivery of adequate and affordable housing with services to adequately addressing their needs; and

Whereas, the most recent Estimate of Unmet Need, based on the 2012 Point in Time Count and Durham's inventory of housing dedicated for occupancy by homeless persons, demonstrates that Durham still needs at least 89 units of permanent supportive housing for single disabled homeless adults; and

Whereas, according to the analysis of the North Carolina Fair Housing Center there are serious impediments to fair housing for the disabled population in Durham due to lack of housing and due NIMBY-related problems; and

Whereas, in the Five Year Resource Projection the City budgeted \$720,000 for the Durham Housing Authority to assist in the renovation of Preiss-Steele Place for FY 2014 (line 78); and whereas these funds will not be required by DHA as a result of funding from the NC Housing Finance Agency for this purpose; and

Whereas, there are insufficient funds for match/gap financing for housing for persons with special needs under the Five Year Resource Projections (line 71) for FY 2014; and whereas by making the following recommended change the City Council will increase the resources

available to provide permanent supportive housing for homeless people with special needs.

NOW THEREFORE, it is the recommendation of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee:

1. That the City Council make a change in the allocations in the Dedicated Funding Source (the “Penny”) section of the Five Year Resource Projection.
2. That the \$720,000 designated for the Durham Housing Authority for the renovation of Preiss-Steel Place in FY 2014 be transferred to the Match/Gap Financing Housing Persons w/Special Needs in FY 2014.